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On 28 July 1996, speaking to a gathering of war veterans, President Bill Clinton urged the international community to impose strict sanctions on Libya and a number of other countries, claiming that they are States that sponsor terrorism.

The United States President's grave allegation against the Jamahiriya, made randomly and without grounds or evidence, is such as to mar the Jamahiriya's reputation with the international community and impede the progress of international relations. This is happening at a time when the Jamahiriya is reiterating its condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and is constantly affirming its commitment to cooperating with the international community in combating this loathsome phenomenon, one from whose evils the Jamahiriya itself has not been safe. The Jamahiriya has in the past challenged the allegations made by the United States and has requested the Secretary-General of the United Nations to send a mission to verify that there are no activities in Libyan territory that can be alleged to have any link with terrorism. Regrettably, however, it is the United States itself that has persisted in obstructing the dispatch of such a mission so that it can go on repeating its inimical allegations from time to time and find justification for the maintenance of the sanctions imposed on the Jamahiriya.

The Jamahiriya categorically rejects these accusations because they are unsupported by any evidence. It would like to put an end to claims that are intended only to be used for purposes of blackmail, to mar the reputation of the Jamahiriya and to seek a scapegoat for the inability of the United States Administration to cope with mounting domestic terrorism. It calls upon the Security Council to convene an urgent meeting, in accordance with Article 35, paragraph 1, of the Charter of the United Nations, in order to consider a situation that continues to endanger international peace and security and to hear the position of the Jamahiriya with respect to the problem of terrorism and ascertain its readiness to implement the measures that the international community deems necessary in order to combat this loathsome global phenomenon.

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